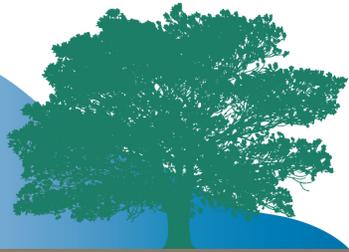


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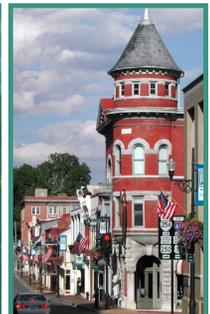


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### *Proudly Serving:*

Augusta County, Bath County, Bridgewater,  
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Rockbridge County, Rockingham County, Staunton,  
Timberville and Waynesboro





## Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission

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The Central Shenandoah Planning District Commission (CSPDC) serves a region of distinctive places including rural communities, small towns, cities and two growing metropolitan areas. The CSPDC is committed to assisting member jurisdictions with a variety of projects and programs that improve the economic vitality of the Region and the quality of life of its residents. A board of representatives from each governmental subdivision oversees the activities of the CSPDC.

For over 45 years, the CSPDC has been providing assistance to the 21 jurisdictions in the Central Shenandoah Valley and their citizens with issues, including land use planning and regulations, transportation, solid waste management, water and wastewater utilities, housing, community and economic development, water resource management, disaster mitigation and education, and environmental services. Cooperative, cost-saving solutions to problems are addressed at the CSPDC through regional efforts and partnerships with its local jurisdictions and other stakeholders.

For the past decade, the CSPDC has helped bring in nearly \$60 million in new investments to the Region. For every dollar the CSPDC receives in local dues, it has leveraged \$36 on average, in local, state, federal, and private funds.

To find out more about the CSPDC, including program areas and projects, demographic and economic data, publications, links to the localities in the Region and other helpful resources, visit [www.cspdc.org](http://www.cspdc.org).



## General Planning and Technical Support

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The CSPDC provides general planning services and technical assistance to local governments, human service and non-profit organizations, business and industry, and the general public in a variety of areas. Services range from a variety of planning functions, such as identifying potential financial resources, preparing grant applications, conducting data analyses, mapping, development of decision support tools, strategic planning, and other tasks for a variety of projects.

## On-Call Consultant Program

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The On-Call Consultant Program was established to facilitate quick delivery of planning, architectural, engineering, and other professional services for local and regional projects. The service is available to all local governments and other organizations in the Region wishing to procure the services of professional firms by utilizing the CSPDC's on-call consultants.

## Grant Resource Center

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The CSPDC maintains a catalog of current grant opportunities available to localities and organizations for different kinds of projects. The Grant Resource Center lists state and federal grant sources, eligibility criteria, application guidelines and grant deadlines. The Grant Resource Center is available on the CSPDC website at [www.cspdc.org](http://www.cspdc.org). Funding opportunities on the Grant Resource Guide are divided into these project areas:

- Community Development
- Emergency Management
- Economic Development
- Housing
- Utilities
- Trails, Greenways, Bikeways
- Environment
- Planning
- Transportation



## Public Transit

The CSPDC manages the regional public transit service “BRITE” operating in Staunton, Waynesboro and portions of Augusta County. As a direct recipient of Federal Transit Administration (FTA) and Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation grant funds, the CSPDC coordinates the local match funding from the jurisdictions and private funding partners, and staffs a Transit Advisory Committee who represents the interests of the partners and the transit riders. With the participation of these stakeholders, the CSPDC Transit Development Plan (TDP) was created and adopted in 2015, specifying the service and funding strategies for the next six-year timeframe. Transit service delivery is provided under a turnkey contract with a private transit provider.

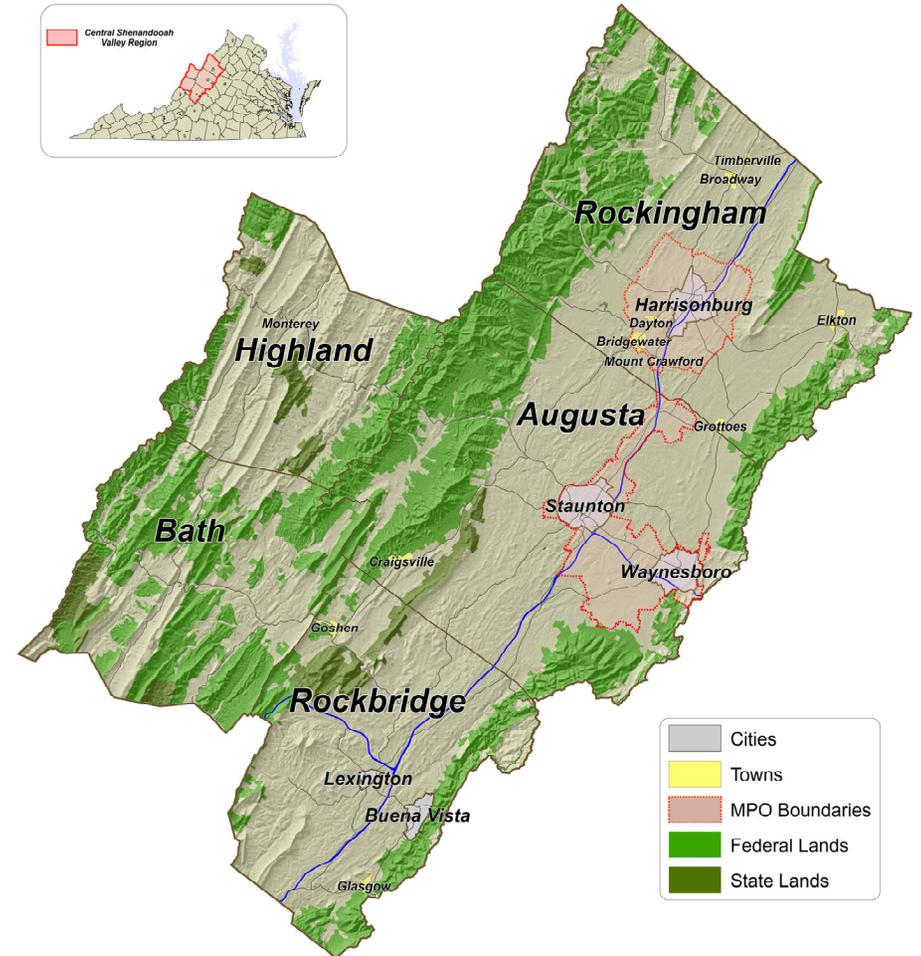


## Community Facilities and Infrastructure

CSPDC’s community facility and infrastructure improvement programs focus on projects that address critical community development needs such as water and wastewater infrastructure, energy efficiency and conservation programs, as well as telecommunication and broadband planning. The CSPDC has been instrumental in securing state and federal funds to plan for and build the infrastructure and public facilities necessary to compete for business and to improve the living conditions of citizens throughout the Region.



## CSPDC Region





## Economic Development

The CSPDC is a designated Economic Development District under a program administered by the U.S. Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration. Additionally, a portion of the Region is considered a Local Development District under the Appalachian Regional Commission. These two programs support economic development activities.

The CSPDC coordinates the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategy (CEDS) for the Region. The CEDS program is a guide for establishing regional economic development goals, developing and implementing a regional plan of action, as well as identifying investment priorities and funding sources. The CEDS is based on a set of key regional strategic initiatives that has been endorsed by over 70 organizations in the Region. The program is strengthened by the participation of the Shenandoah Valley Partnership, local governments, economic development agencies and stakeholders.

## Fields of Gold-Shenandoah Valley's Farm Trail



The CSPDC administers the Fields of Gold program. Fields of Gold is a collaborative project that brings together local government officials and agricultural representatives from across the Region to work on a comprehensive marketing and capacity building initiative, and to leverage resources from partners to benefit agriculture, a vital economic asset in the Shenandoah Valley. The CSPDC collaborates with members and partners to provide business support for farmers and markets the Shenandoah Valley as an agritourism destination. For additional information, visit the Fields of Gold website at [www.fieldsofgold.org](http://www.fieldsofgold.org).



## Transportation Planning

The CSPDC provides a comprehensive set of transportation planning services such as grant writing, technical assistance, multimodal studies, corridor and gateway studies, comprehensive plan updates, and other long- and short-range transportation plan development.

The CSPDC administers and provides staff support to the Regional Rural Transportation program, the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Metropolitan Planning Organization (HRMPO), and the Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro Metropolitan Planning Organization (SAWMPO). These programs, made up of local government and transportation stakeholders, provide technical and policy-related assistance to their members related to transportation planning. The CSPDC also prepares state and federal grant applications to fund transportation improvement projects throughout the Region.



Additionally, the CSPDC supports a regional bicycle and pedestrian program which provides a coordinated and strategic approach to the development of a network of bikeways, trails and greenways and makes recommendations for improvements to these facilities and networks within the Region.

The CSPDC also coordinates the regional RideShare program, a carpooling and vanpooling program designed to match commuters who live and work in the same area and want to share rides.



## Emergency Management Services



The CSPDC's Emergency Management Services Program encompasses three key areas; emergency management planning, preparedness/mitigation education and outreach, and hazard mitigation project administration. The program promotes community resilience

by focusing on severe weather, natural hazards, and disasters.

**Emergency Management Planning:** The CSPDC provides assistance with local emergency management plans including Emergency Operations Plans, Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plans, Continuity of Operations Plans, and Community Wildfire Protection Plans. The Central Shenandoah Valley All Hazards Mitigation Plan was created and is maintained by the CSPDC.

**Preparedness/Mitigation Education and Outreach:** The CSPDC administers a regional preparedness/mitigation education and outreach program, known as Shenandoah Valley Project Impact (SVPI). SVPI participates in community events, offers workshops, creates and distributes educational materials, and maintains a Speakers Bureau. The CSPDC also serves as coordinator for the Staunton-Augusta-Waynesboro Community Emergency Response Team which gives participants training in skills such as disaster preparedness, fire safety, and emergency medical operations so that they are better able to protect their families and communities.

**Hazard Mitigation Project Administration:** The CSPDC assists communities in the Region with hazard mitigation projects to protect people, homes, and businesses through floodproofing, elevation, relocation, and acquisition.



## Data Services

On a regular basis, the CSPDC provides economic and demographic data to a variety of users, both public and private. The Central Shenandoah Valley's Regional Data Center is an independent internet database of regional demographic and economic data. It contains over 175 data measures, reports, and publications. Information is available for each of the five cities and five counties that make up the Region, as well as for the Planning District, its four sub-regions, and Virginia. The data is updated regularly and historical data is maintained.

Each year, the CSPDC publishes and distributes *Facts and Figures*. *Facts and Figures* is a compilation of regional and sub-regional economic and demographic data. This publication is distributed free of charge to local governments, area economic development organizations, chambers of commerce, tourism centers, residents, and businesses throughout the Central Shenandoah Valley.



The CSPDC also collects pricing data for the ACCRA Cost of Living Index. This program surveys prices for specified grocery, housing, utility, transportation, health care, and miscellaneous goods and services in the Region and compares them to other places across the country. This analysis provides information to industry, government, and citizens about the comparative cost of living in the Central Shenandoah Valley. The Regional Data Center is located on the CSPDC website.



## Environmental and Natural Resource Planning

The CSPDC provides assistance and coordination to localities on a number of water resource issues in the Shenandoah and Upper James River watersheds. Project areas include coordination and technical assistance for Virginia's Chesapeake Bay Watershed Implementation Plan local engagement process, program development, and technical assistance for local stormwater management programs, coordination of regional water supply plans, and water infrastructure planning and project management. The CSPDC also facilitates regional cooperation and provides local assistance on natural resource issues such as energy efficiency, renewable energy, solid waste management and recycling.

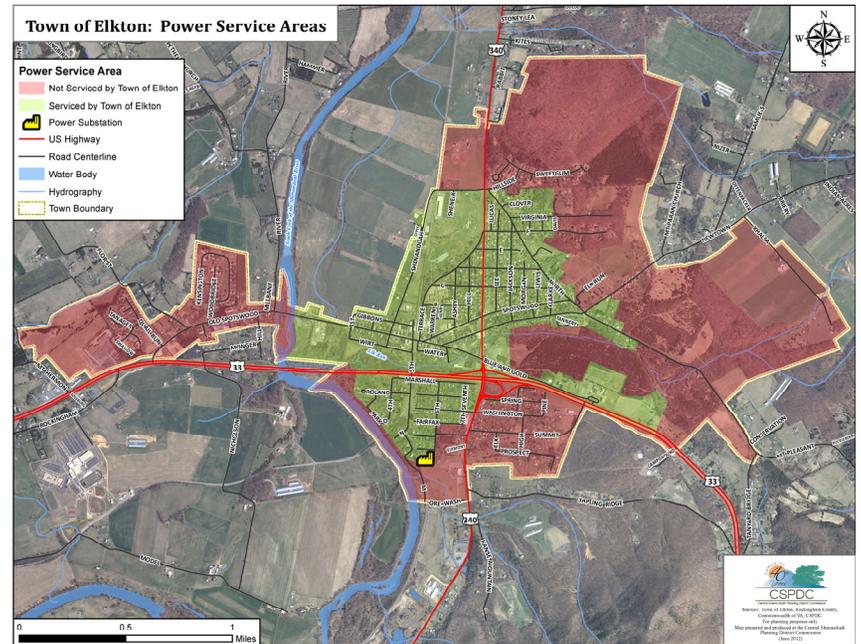
Additionally, the CSPDC performs studies, provides program development and information dissemination, and writes and manages grants. The CSPDC also coordinates with state and federal agencies on a variety of natural resource and environmental topics.

## Affordable Housing and Community Development

The CSPDC administers a regional homeownership program that provides low interest mortgage financing, down payment and closing cost assistance to first-time homebuyers. Since its inception, this program has served over 230 households in the Region. The CSPDC also assists localities in developing housing programs and community improvement projects which provide safe, decent, affordable housing for low and moderate-income households.



## Geographic Information Systems and Mapping Services



The Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Department of the CSPDC performs spatial analysis, GPS data collection, data development and management, comprehensive plan mapping, demographic analysis, transportation mapping and analysis, asset management, and map production for regional, local, comprehensive and strategic planning projects for our member jurisdictions and agency planners. In addition to planning projects, the Department provides GIS development, consulting, and technical assistance for many of our jurisdictions, as well as other organizations in the Region.